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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7217

BILL NUMBER: HB 1972

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Township assistance matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stilwell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED:

**GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: Expands the definition of "wasted resources" to include lump sum payments. Provides that a township is not obligated to provide assistance to an applicant who has been denied assistance under a federal food program. Allows for compensation of a hearing officer who conducts hearings of poor relief appeals. (Current law prohibits compensation of a hearing officer.) Specifies that upon appeal the standard for review of a trustee's poor relief determination is whether the determination constitutes an abuse of discretion. Limits: (1) interim medical assistance by a township to 90 days; and (2) prescription drug coverage and insulin to a 30-day supply. Allows an advanced practice nurse to apply for insulin. Provides that private insurance coverage of the medical treatment received disqualifies an individual from receiving township medical assistance. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to create an administrative plan concerning reimbursement to townships for medical assistance provided to an individual while the individual is waiting for an eligibility determination under Medicaid if the individual would have been eligible to receive the medical services under Medicaid. Requires the preparation of legislation changing the term "poor relief" to "township assistance" in the Indiana Code. Repeals: (1) a provision stating that a township is not obligated to assist individuals who receive state assistance; and (2) the requirement that the township report to the county auditor quarterly on poor relief.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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